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CONSULTATIONS ON PROCEDURE

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1. US HOSTED A SECOND MEETING OF SMALL GROUP OF
WESTERN PARTICIPANTS IN NON-USE OF FORCE COMMITTEE
(US, UK, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY AND BELGIUM) ON SEPT. 7.
MISOFF REPORTED ON CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS ON PROCEDURES
FOR REMAINDER OF FOUR-WEEK SESSION (REFTEL) AND
SOLICITED VIEWS OF OTHERS ON TACTICS.

2. ALL REPS OPPOSED PREPARATION BY SECRETARIAT OF
SYNOPTIC PRESENTATION OF COMMENTARY ON SOVIET DRAFT
TREATY, AS FLOATED BY NUF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CUEVAS
ON SEPTEMBER 5. AMONG ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED WERE:

(A) SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A LIST OF PRECEDENTS
WHERE CHARTER PROVISIONS HAVE OR HAVE NOT BEEN
AMPLIFIED IN OTHER INSTRUMENTS (E.G., HUMAN
RIGHTS COVENANTS), PRIOR TO DECIDING WHETHER ARTICLE
2 (4) ON NUF NEEDS TO BE AMPLIFIED IN A NEW INSTRUMENT
(FRG). ITALIAN REP VOLUNTEERED TO SUBMIT TO GROUP
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A LIST OF SUCH PRECEDENTS.

(B) SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A LIST OF EXISTING INTERNATION-
AL AGREEMENTS WITH PROVISIONS ON NUF AND/OR PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT AS BASIS FOR FURTHER WORK ON SOVIET
PROPOSAL (UK).

(C) SECRETARIAT TO SUMMARIZE GENERAL DEBATE ARGUMENTS
FOR AND AGAINST IDEA OF NEGOTIATING A TREATY ON NUF (US).

(D) WESTERN DELS TO SEEK LA OR OTHER NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT
FOR MERGING FURTHER WORK ON NUF AND PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT INTO THE REGULAR WORK OF THE CHARTER REVIEW
COMMITTEE. (US)

3. PARTICIPANTS IN SEPT 7 MEETING RECOGNIZED THAT
SECRETARIAT WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE TIME TO ACCOMPLISH
TASKS IN ALTERNATIVES A AND B UNLESS GA RENEWED NUF
COMMITTEE MANDATE FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AND SOVIETS WERE
UNLIKELY TO BE SATISFIED WITH A MERE RENEWAL OF MANDATE
AS OUTCOME OF THIS YEAR'S SESSION. REPS AGREED TO
CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF TACTICS AT FULL WESTERN GROUP
MEETING IN AFTERNOON OF SEPT 8 PRIOR TO SCHEDULED
PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION IN FULL COMMITTEE.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT 4-POWER (US, FRANCE, UK, USSR)
DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM IN AFTERNOON OF SEPT 7,
US, UK, FRANCE, INFORMED SOVIETS THEY COULD NOT GET
SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THEIR TEXT
WITHOUT BITTER, DIVISIVE FIGHT WITH POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES
FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE. AFTER
TRYING FOUR OR FIVE VARIATIONS FOR PAPER BY SECRETARIAT
AND RECEIVING STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION, KOLESNIK ASKED
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WHETHER WE COULD ACCEPT CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP.
AFTER MUCH BACK AND FORTH KOLESNIK SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER
AN OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION
WITH SAME MANDATE AS PARENT COMMITTEE AND DROP IDEA OF
SECRETARIAT PAPER, IF US, UK, FRANCE WOULD CONSIDER
SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

5. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE CREATION OF WORKING GROUP
WILL BE PAINTED AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT BY SOVS WE
INTEND TO GO ALONG WITH IDEA AS PRESENTED BY KOLESNIK.
IT IS PREFERABLE TO A ROW WITH SOVS IN WHICH NON-ALIGNED
AND CHAIR WILL BE SAME SIDE AS SOVIETS, AND IT LEAVES
US COMPLETELY FREE TO CONTINUE TO ARGUE IN WORKING
GROUP THAT A TREATY IS A BAD IDEA. YOUNG

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